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## **REMARKS**

The foregoing amendment to the claims is intended to replace European style claim language with language better suited to U.S. practice and to delete multiple dependencies. The new claims have basis at least in the original claims. Thus, new Claims 12-22 have bases in original Claims 1-11, respectively.

It is clear from the foregoing that none of the amendments introduces new matter into the application.

Entry of this amendment prior to calculation of the claims fees and prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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